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A protestor climbed this tree in an effort to halt construction crews from removing the trees from Lincoln's Cooper Park.

## OUT ON A LIMB

By GREG KOZOL

**G**et out of the trees, please. That message was sent to protesters during an attempt to prevent the removal of trees from a Lincoln park Thursday. Lincoln Police officials said 18 people were arrested during the demonstration, including three UNO students. None of the 18 protesters have been formally charged.

About 60 trees, some of them more than 100 years old, were being removed from Cooper Park. The 123-year-old park was being cleared to make way for a soccer field.

The protesters wanted to delay the construction crew until a court decided whether the city could legally remove the trees, UNO freshman Cayman Lee said.

"All we were trying to do was slow it down," Lee said. "They were chopping the trees down and they didn't have a right to do that."

Lee said Cooper Park is owned by the state, and the city of Lincoln did not have the authority to tear down the trees.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, protesters were arrested for trying to stop construction crews from building a fence around the park.

On Thursday, protesters began blocking bulldozers and climbing trees to stop the crew from removing the trees.

Lee and UNO Junior Melissa Eastin stood in front of the bulldozers that were going to demolish the trees.

"I just think trees are more important than soccer fields," Eastin said.

Lee said she was arrested for obstruction of a government operation and trespassing.

Eastin was arrested on suspicion of interfering with a police officer during an arrest, police officials said.

UNO Junior Andy Rodrigues said he was one of five protesters to climb a tree in an effort to stop the construction crew.

Rodrigues was arrested on suspicion of resisting arrest, trespassing and obstruction of a government operation, police officials said.

All three protesters are members of the UNO student organization, Ecology Now. However, Rodrigues said all three attended the demonstration on their own, not as part of the group.

"I saw the protest on TV Wednesday, so I came down," Rodrigues said.

J. Burger, a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said about 120 people participated in Thursday's protest.

Burger said 20 of the protesters were members of UNL's Ecology Now group. Others lived in the neighborhood of the park.

After police removed most of the protesters, the construction crew cleared the park.

"They knocked everything out and turned it into a dirt parking lot," Rodrigues said.

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More students may mean more cash. The Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) will make final changes to the Fund A budget proposals on Thursday. SABC will also hear the Fund B budget proposal. Cheryl Carter, SABC chairperson, said there might be more Fund A money available for the 1990-91 budget.

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Dr. Jeffrey Popp

## Budgets set for final round

### Commission to send Fund A to senate

By GREG KOZOL

UNO's enrollment increase may increase the amount of money available from Fund A, according to Cheryl Carter, chairwoman of the Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC).

"There is a little bit of a leeway for an increase because enrollment went up and also because the student organizations can't be paid," Carter said.

Student Government, which receives Fund A money, can no longer fund student organizations.

UNO's enrollment increased 3 percent from the fall of 1988 to the fall of 1989. The university saw a 5.5 percent enrollment increase from the spring 1989 semester to the spring 1990 semester.

Due to the enrollment increase, \$255,139 is available from Fund A, up \$6,490 from last year.

The \$52.25 in student fees is split into Funds A and B. From that amount, \$7.50 goes into Fund A. The Fund A money is allocated to the Student Programming Organization (SPO), the Gateway and Student Government.

The remaining \$44.75 is allocated to Fund B, which supports Campus Recreation, the Student Center and UNO Athletics.

SABC's final hearing for the 1990-91 Fund A budget is scheduled for Thursday. SABC will make final changes to the Fund A budget, then submit it to the Student Senate for approval.

Several agencies have asked for increased Fund A allocations.

The American Multicultural Students (AMS) budget was preliminarily approved at \$5,191 by SABC. Last year, AMS received \$3,316 from Fund A.

Virgil Armendariz, director of AMS, said the increase is needed to make the agency more accessible. He said AMS also hopes to increase the salary for staff members participating in the work study program.

The Gateway was allocated \$60,474, an increase of \$2,692 from last year.

Rosalie Meiches, publications manager at the Gateway, said the increase will be used to pay the salaries of new staff positions. She said new positions were created because the newspaper's work load has increased.

The budget for International Student Services was approved at \$4,550, an increase of \$400 from last year.



John Satriano and his son David roll toward the finish line at the Fun Plex, 7003 Q St. Satriano's son, John Jr., came in a distant second.

—ERIC FRANCIS

Student Government was preliminarily allocated \$41,401.70, a decrease of \$15,040.30 from last year.

The Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR) received \$3,187, up from \$1,415 last year.

Chris McClenny, CCLR director, said the agency needs to increase circulation of its newsletter, the "Forum," and increase its state and national lobbying efforts.

The Disabled Student Agency (DSA) received \$2,990, up \$260 from last year.

Cherie Green, DSA director, said she hopes to provide more services, such as a talking dictionary.

The Women's Resource Center (WRC), has preliminarily received \$4,990, an increase from last year's \$2,990 allocation.

Kathy Felix, WRC director, said the increase is needed to cover the increased postage.

Felix also said the agency hopes to increase the amount of magazines and books available at WRC.

SPO is in the second year of a two-year funding period and did not submit a budget. Last year, SABC allotted \$105,209.10 to SPO for the 1990-91 school year.

SABC will also review the Fund B budget Thursday, which is projected at \$1,641,893.

## Career fair features a new twist

By TIM ROHWER

The public sector wants you.

Many students are unaware that countless non-profit organizations and government agencies offer well-paying positions, according to UNO Career Placement Director Nancy Nish.

The Public Sector Career Fair will acquaint students with these opportunities, Nish said. The career fair will be held March 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center.

More than 30 non-profit organizations and government agencies will be represented at the career fair, Nish said.

Some of the organizations and agencies include: the American Red Cross, Nebraska Department on Aging, Douglas County Civil Service, Iowa Department of Human Services, U.S. Peace Corps, Army ROTC, U.S. Treasury Department and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This career fair is different from those in the past, Nish said.

"We used to have a career day in the fall which catered primarily to business majors," she said. "This is one of the first times we're offering a career fair for students of all majors, especially in the liberal arts."

This career fair will not feature corporations and businesses from the private sector, but firms from the public sector, she said.

"Students think nonprofit organizations are just for volunteers," Nish said. "But they need people to coordinate volunteers. They need counselors, teachers and communications people."

"What's more, the federal government is the largest employer in the country. They need qualified people in business, science and other fields."

Katherine McCarthy, a spokeswoman for Eastern Nebraska Human Services, said her

agency is looking for students majoring in psychology, criminal justice, as well as teachers and social workers

"We have positions ranging from entry level to those requiring a master's degree," she said.

Salaries in public-sector jobs are becoming more competitive, Nish said.

"In general, the pay is somewhat lower," she said. "But it is moving toward the profit sector."

"What's more, you're providing a significant service to the community."

Nish said she hopes the career fair also will make students aware of UNO's Career Planning and Placement Center.

"We have hundreds of jobs in all sectors of the community available for students," she said. "Employers call us constantly. They want our talent. We are a hidden gold mine."

## FROM THE WIRE

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### Instructor fired for teaching 'myth'

A part-time history instructor at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis has been fired for teaching his class that the Holocaust never occurred.

Donald Dean Hiner was dismissed for lecturing that the Holocaust is a Jewish myth, and asserting that "none of it makes sense unless you look at it from the prospect of Israel getting a lot of wealth from this story."

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Los Angeles-based organization dedicated to teaching about the Holocaust, hailed the university's decision.

"We are deeply gratified at the university's swift and proper action," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the center. "This decision reinforces the commitment of academic integrity and the pursuit of truth, while striking a blow against bigotry which masquerades as scholarship."

One student taped Hiner's lecture and turned it over to school administrators.

Hiner denies he is anti-Semitic, and said he just attempted to teach another school of thought.

"I do not consider myself a revolutionist," Hiner told the *Indianapolis News*.

### Nude 'streak' hits some campuses

While Purdue University authorized the arrest of students who participated in the now-banned "Nude Olympics" in January, students at the University of Pennsylvania are trying to establish an annual "streak" through the Philadelphia campus's quadrangle.

About 20 men, only wearing socks and tennis shoes, shouted "get naked" as they ran through Pennsylvania's campus Feb. 12.

Although this is the second consecutive year students have streaked through the quadrangle, a university spokesman denied it has become a University of Pennsylvania tradition.

"This was just a spontaneous thing done by a group of students," said Carl Maugeri, a university spokesman.

Although Pennsylvania does not have a rule against streaking, Purdue does.

Hoping to end a circus-like atmosphere and the potential health hazards when naked students dash through campus on frigid January nights, Purdue banned the annual "Olympics" in 1985.

However, a group of students has maintained the tradition each year since the ban. Eight students were arrested for participating in the nude race through the Purdue campus Jan. 26.

Other schools are more tolerant of public nudity. In 1988, the University of Texas at Austin officially recognized the student group, NUDE, which sought to promote a clothing-optional life-style.

The group, which sponsored trips to nude beaches, naked volleyball tournaments and hot tub parties, disbanded last spring because of a lack of membership.



## Give 'em another feather

It's amazing what you can do if you put your mind to it. It's more amazing that some people really put their minds to it.

During the past several years, the University of Nebraska Medical Center has become a leader in liver, kidney and bone marrow transplants. That prominence brings pride to the university and to the state as well.

Once again, the Medical Center is on the cutting edge of medicine.

Dr. Jeffrey Popp, director of oculoplastic surgery at the Medical Center, is now using an artificial eye implant that may be the next best thing to an actual eye transplant.

### STAFF EDITORIAL

Developed by a San Diego surgeon, the design of this eye-opening implant is derived from ordinary sea coral. Popp said the material has been used in the past for jaw bone replacement and facial surgery.

Because of its porous nature, blood vessels and tissue are able to grow through the structure of the implant preventing rejection from the body — a problem that, until now, has hampered research.

The six muscles that control eye movement also are attached to the implant, allowing the artificial eye to move in unison with the other eye — probably the greatest advantage.

Popp said because other forms of artificial eyes cannot move, patients often experience periods of low self-esteem and, although it cannot restore vision, the implant may increase that self-esteem.

Even though the limits of current medical technology prevent an actual eye transplant, this new technique is certainly another feather in the Medical Center's cap.



...and how many Germans do you see?

## 'Still the same old Steve' School friend a scholar, husband and father

Steve and Julie are parents.

Alexander David was born Friday March 2, 1990, in Seattle. For anyone interested, he weighed a little more than seven pounds, and was just less than 21 inches long. He's a cute child.

I've known Steve, his father, since we were both in ninth grade. His father and mine both worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Frankfurt, West Germany. Steve's family had lived there for a few years when we arrived.

His family invited mine to dinner one Sunday in April 1982. I had seen him in the few weeks I had been at school, so we knew of each other. We talked, hiked in the hills around his home and became fast friends.

We grew up together, surviving Frankfurt American High School and all its glories and errors. We took the same classes, knew the same people and generally hung out together. We dated the same girl (at different times).

After graduation in 1985, our ways parted. I returned to Omaha and enrolled at UNO. He stayed in Germany for awhile, but eventually ended up at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, where another mutual friend was enrolled.

We wrote every so often to each other,

called when we didn't feel like writing and gradually grew apart. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps, but after a few months, he and the Corps decided Steve wasn't a Marine.

He went back to Germany for a semester, to recover, but he wandered aimlessly. Following his older brothers' leads, he ended up in Seattle, where he had been raised, and enrolled at the University of Washington.

We still corresponded, but it was a com-

**DAVE MANNING**  
COLUMNIST

munication which wasn't dependent on immediate answers. Steve and I were friends, best friends in high school, and we knew we'd both be around if we needed each other.

He got involved in student government; I got involved in student journalism. He drifted from major to major, from engineering to architecture to history. I did, too, from chemistry to English and history.

I got a call from him in June. He was getting married to a girl he had known for less than a year. I was surprised, but happy for him — the idea of a "Mrs. Steve" was comical at first, but he would make a good

husband. He invited me to the wedding.

I went and met the bride-to-be, Steve's family (whom I hadn't seen for a few years) and Steve himself. It had been four years since we had seen each other.

He hadn't really changed. Still the same old Steve, we told the same old jokes and made the same bad puns. However, he had changed. He had learned something. I could see the enormous responsibility on his shoulders.

Steve had always needed that; we had known that since high school. We both never reached our "potential," whatever that meant, but Steve didn't even reach my subterranean level at times.

So he and Julie were married, and now they have a son, Alexander David. They are a family, a fairly stable one at that. At one time, I would have laughed (Steve would have too) at the thought of Steve being a father.

We're still friends. We still don't write as often as we should, but it doesn't really matter. If either of us needs to talk, we're there.

Friendships are funny that way.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

OPINION BY ERIC STOAKES

## Their bark was worse than their bite

Some people need to be knocked out of a tree before they can make a real statement.

Several protesters took to the branches in Lincoln's Cooper Park Thursday, as bulldozers hummed below. The pro-foliage advocates were making the public aware that "murder" was about to be committed.

"Trees are human, too," cried one protestor, as the demolition crew moved in.

Clearing the way for a elementary-school soccer field, the uncaring demolitionists didn't let the protestors stand in their way. With trees being felled around them, the bark supporters lost to the quasi-lumberjacks.

Many protestors were arrested. A few claimed to be brutalized. And plenty of 100-plus-year-old trees bit the dust.

It's good to see people take a stand, or in this case a climb, for what they believe in. But sometimes, even with the best intentions, activists go too far and end up looking a little stupid.

It isn't that we should not be concerned with the destruction of our environment. We should. But obstructing justice, no matter how unfair anyone perceives that justice to be, goes beyond the framework of "responsible" activism.

Too often, activists justify their actions in the name of fairness, no matter how eccentric and illegal those actions are.

The Cooper tree-climbers endangered their own lives for the sake of the trees' lives. If they feel they we're heroes, maybe they have been chewing on too much bark.

It was stupid.

But before pro-tree supporters start climbing the *Gateway* in protest, they should get out of their trees and ask themselves one question.

"If they were a tree, what kind of tree would they be?"

It's just that stupid.

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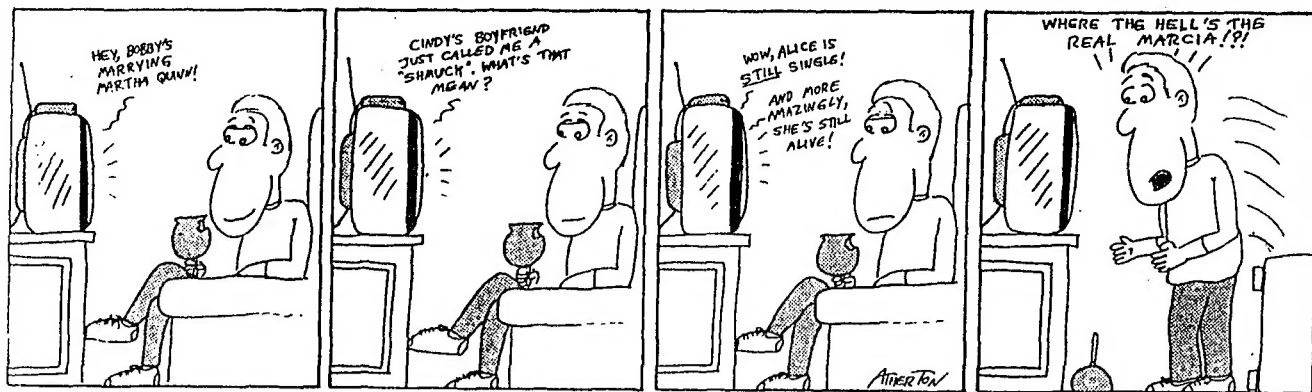
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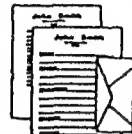
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## New technique an eye opener

*Artificial eyes look like the real thing*

By KENT WALTON

A new implant has given patients needing an artificial eye a new outlook on life.

The implant, which was approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration in August 1989, will not restore the patients vision in their lost eye, but it will make their artificial eye look more realistic, according to Dr. Jeffrey Popp, director of oculoplastic surgery at the Medical Center.

Popp said the new implant will give the patient's replacement eye movement, something lacking in earlier artificial eyes.

"With the old implant, basically, the implant itself moved around, and the prosthesis (artificial eye) moved a little bit, but not much," Popp said.

The breakthrough, developed by a surgeon in San Diego, involves the use of hydroxyapatite, a porous derivative of ocean coral with a similar chemical structure as human bone, Popp said.

The hydroxyapatite implant is buried beneath the tissue (conjunctiva) in the back of the eyesocket, behind the prosthetic eye.

One problem surgeons had faced was finding a replacement that would not be rejected by the body.

"Anytime you try to use something foreign in the body, the body wants to get rid of it."

Because the body "recognizes" hydroxyapatite, he added, tissue and blood vessels will begin to grow through the implant.

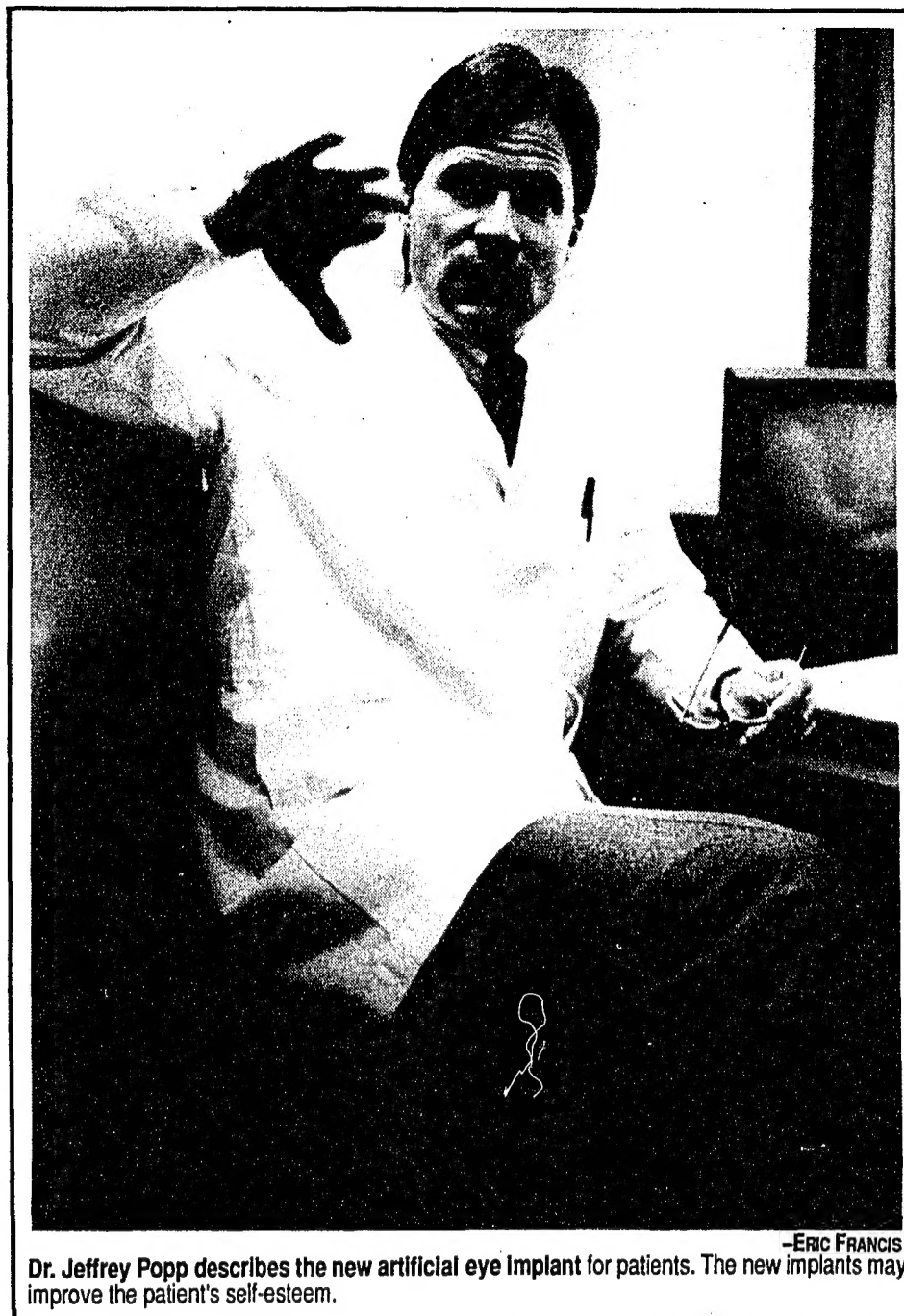
Once the acceptance phase is complete, after a period of 3-6 months, the procedure can continue.

"Because this is now living, we can drill a hole in there, and put a temporary peg in it so it doesn't heal over," Popp said.

After the hole has become lined with a layer of cells, a permanent peg will be inserted.

The peg is used to attach the implant to the prosthetic eye.

"With this implant, and certain other implants, what we attempt to do is integrate it into the prosthetic eye, so that the prosthetic eye moves. The muscles are attached to the implant, the implant is then attached to the prosthesis."



Dr. Jeffrey Popp describes the new artificial eye implant for patients. The new implants may improve the patient's self-esteem.

Because the new procedure results in a more life-like replacement, the patient may be able to develop the sense of confidence that is often lost with an eye, Popp said.

"The biggest problem with losing an eye is really your self-esteem and appearance, and how you feel about yourself," he said. "A majority of that is due to the lack of movement in the (replacement) eye."

"If you are in the public eye talking with people, the way you look, the way you appear,

the way your eyes move makes a big difference."

Although the implant marks a big step in the field of prosthetics, Popp said that he hopes someday the use of artificial eyes will become outdated.

"I don't know if it would ever happen in our lifetime, but it would be nice if we could transplant eyes. Currently, we can't do that so we try to make the artificial eye look as good as it can."

*'We always trail national trends'*

## Apothecary applications abound

By JOHN WATSON

Students hoping to attend the University of Nebraska Medical Center's pharmacy school may have to wait in line.

Dr. Edward Roche, associate dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Pharmacy, said applications for admission have increased for the third consecutive year.

Roche said the increased interest in the field reflects a national trend.

"Application numbers have been going up in colleges of pharmacy nationally for the last several years," he said. "We always follow national trends by a couple of years."

Because the college is still accepting applications, Roche said he couldn't release an exact figure. However, he said he expects a 10 percent increase in applications compared with last year.

The increase in applications is not the only reason students may have to wait in line. The College of Pharmacy currently limits enrollment to 50 students each year.

Roche said the limited number of faculty members is the main reason for the enrollment lid.

"The entire fourth year of our program is an experiential training program involving clerkships (internships)," he said. "So there is a limitation in the number of students that each faculty member can take."

The enrollment lid, combined with the increased applications, may produce greater competition among those seeking admission into the College of Pharmacy.

Roche said the college's admissions committee uses several criteria to evaluate each applicant. He said along with an assessment of academic performance in chemistry and biology, each applicant must complete a written narrative to give an indication of their written communication skills.

"The narrative deals with their long-term view of their career goals which also gives us a feel about their maturity," he said.

In admitting students to the college, Roche

said the Medical Center does not give preference to students from certain schools.

He said all of the applications are "lumped together so there isn't any attempt to take so many from this campus and so many from that campus."

Students from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and UNO account for most of the applications received, followed by Kearney State College, Roche said.

He said the curriculum involves three years of course and didactic work. The fourth year, Roche said, is totally experiential clerkships.

Because the Medical Center does not have a career placement center, Roche said the College of Pharmacy assists employers interested in interviewing students. He said areas in Western Nebraska are experiencing a shortage in pharmacists, and the Medical Center is working with those employers in recruiting students.

"They're selling more than just a position, they're selling the quality of life," Roche said.

## HEALTH SCOPE

INFORMATION FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

### The construction continues

Don't put away those hardhats.

The campus-wide construction at the University of Nebraska Medical Center will continue until 1992, according to the March 1990 Construction Update, published by the Medical Center.

The first addition scheduled to be completed is to the Hattie B. Munroe Pavilion. The three-story, 22,000 square-foot addition, scheduled to be operational by April, will provide two floors of research laboratory space for the existing pavilion. The addition will connect the north side of the pavilion with the northwest corner of the Meyer Rehabilitation Center.

The Clinical Cancer Center is scheduled for completion in June, following the addition to Munroe pavilion. The center will serve as an outpatient cancer clinic in University Hospital.

The five-story parking structure for both patient and visitor parking is slated to be opened in July. Located on Emile Street between 44th and 45th Streets, the 750-stall complex is designed to provide easier access to facilities on the west end of campus.

The Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases, and the University Health Care Project are projected to be complete by the spring of 1992.

### Food supplied for new mothers

Pregnant women and mothers, who — because of limited finances — find it difficult to budget enough money to buy nutritional foods for themselves and their young children, can turn to a special supplemental food program for help.

The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is unlike any other food assistance program. Through WIC, qualifying pregnant, postpartum and nursing women, and children under the age of five, have access to nutritious foods they may not otherwise be able to afford. These foods include milk, fortified cereal, juice, eggs, cheese, beans and infant formula.

To be eligible for WIC, women or their children must meet specific income guidelines, have a nutritional need for WIC foods and live in Nebraska.

### Medical Center tests 'space chicks'

Dr. Timothy Jones, associate professor of oral biology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Dentistry, performed tests at Purdue University on chicks that spent five days in orbit on the space shuttle Discovery. His research on inner ear balance system of the chicks. The tests revealed that the vestibular system, which is used to maintain balance, is less sensitive in the "space chicks" than the chicks in the control group that didn't go up in the shuttle.

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# UNO loses bid for NCC title

## Fall in overtime to No. Colorado

By TONY FLOTT

Up until Saturday, the UNO basketball team had lost five-straight road games to Northern Colorado.

Make that six.

With a 93-91 overtime loss to the Bears, the Mavericks were blocked in their bid to share the North Central Conference title with North Dakota.

UNO basketball coach Bob Hanson said his team may have underestimated Northern Colorado in the loss.

"They had lost their last seven, and we had won eight-straight," Hanson said. "I don't think they (players) realized the talent Northern Colorado has."

Part of the fault may lie with the Bears' Toby Moser.

After sitting out UNO's 77-59 victory over Northern Colorado earlier this year, Moser came back to score 28 points and pull down 20 rebounds. Dave Mellick also scored 28 points for the Bears.

"Moser played well and so did Mellick," Hanson said. "We just didn't play well the first ten minutes. We set a trend and let them get into the game."

Offensively, the Mavericks were led by guard Trent Neal, who scored 26 points, and center Phil Cartwright, who hit 21 points and pulled down a team-high 15 rebounds.

"Phil played pretty well," Hanson said. "It took him a while to get going. I thought Thor (Palamora) played pretty well and Troy Deane played well."

As a team, however, the Mavericks shot only 39.1 percent from the field. Despite shooting 26 more times than Northern Colorado, UNO made four fewer field goals than the Bears.

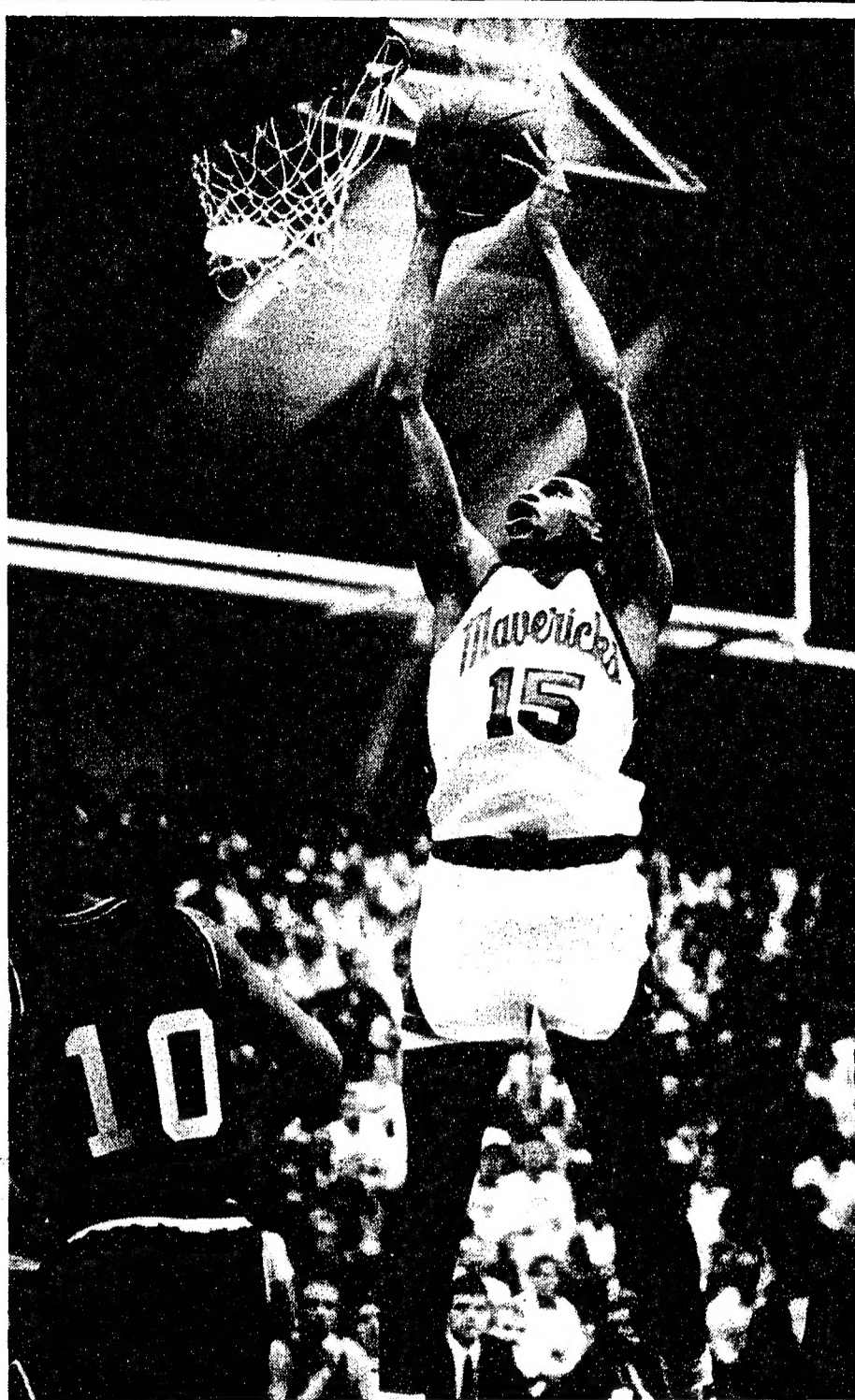
"We shot a lot of times," Hanson said. "But we shot a little too quick."

After fighting back from an 11-point deficit in the second half, UNO found itself with an 81-79 lead with 12 seconds left in regulation play.

UNO's Terry Henderson then fouled Mellick, who nailed two free throws to send the game into overtime.

With Northern Colorado leading 93-91 in overtime, Neal missed a short jumper from the right, giving the Bears the victory.

The loss dropped UNO's record to 20-7 overall and 13-5 in the North Central Conference.



UNO guard Terry Henderson puts up a shot against North Dakota earlier this year. The Mavs' 93-91 overtime loss to Northern Colorado Saturday blocked their bid to share the NCC title.

"It kind of took the monkey off our back," Hanson said in reference to the end of UNO's eight-game winning streak. "We've just got to try and learn from this. We're just going to try and regroup and work on things that made us play well before."

As the second place team in the league, the

Mavericks will host St. Cloud State in the first round of the NCC Postseason Tournament Tuesday.

"I think we match up pretty good," Hanson said about the Huskies. "It all depends on our effort."

"I think the kids will bounce back."

## Wypiszenski takes down second place

# Wrestlers finish fourth at nationals

By TONY FLOTT

For the UNO wrestling team, success is becoming second nature.

Five UNO wrestlers captured All-American status at the NCAA Division II championships Saturday, catapulting the Mavericks to a fourth-place finish.

It was the seventh time in the last 10 years that UNO has finished in the top four.

"I thought we really performed well," UNO wrestling coach Mike Denney said. "We were just a couple points out of third place."

Portland State claimed the Division II title with 100.75 points, nosing out Central Oklahoma State which finished with 96 points.

"They had five quality people," Denney said of Portland State. "They were my pick to win the whole way."

Leading the way for the Mavericks was 177-pounder Joe Wypiszenski, who lost in the finals to defending titlist Tony Champion of

Portland State.

It was the third time Wypiszenski has earned All-American status.

Before finishing third last year, Wypiszenski was an All-American at Northern Michigan which dropped their wrestling program. Wypiszenski then transferred to UNO.

The finish earned Wypiszenski a spot in the NCAA Division I nationals to be held March 22-24.

"Joe wrestled well," Denney said. "I feel he has a good chance to place at nationals."

Joining Wypiszenski as All-Americans were Ron Higdon at 126, Scott Ruff at 142, Larry Thompson at 150 and Pat Gentzler at 190. Thompson ended the meet with a 5-1 record to capture third place.

"He performed really well," Denney said. "He lost to the national champion 3-1 and then won the rest of his matches."

Despite the strong showing by UNO's

wrestlers, Denney said UNO could have fared better under different circumstances.

"We knew going to nationals without Mark (Passer) and Teddy (Nelson) that we would have a tougher time," Denney said.

Passer had qualified for the tournament but had to sit out after having eye surgery on a detached retina. Higdon failed to qualify.

"With Passer, we lost a guy who finished third in the nation last year," Denney said. "He gave the national champion (Northern Colorado's Mike Pantoya) his toughest match of the year at conference."

Despite being ranked second in the nation for much of the year, Denney said the finish was not a disappointment.

It's been a good year," Denney said. "They've been a good bunch of guys to work with. They did everything we asked of them."

## FROM THE SIDELINES

SPORTS OPINION BY TONY FLOTT

## Body slam a professor

Your history professor is handing back your mid-term test. After staying up all night studying for it, you're sure a big fat "A" will be your reward.

"Here you go, Mr. Smith," says the beady-eyed twerp loud enough for the rest of the class to hear. "You should have studied before you took the test."

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Your brain quickly analyzes the situation and tells you there is only one solution to your dilemma.

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Linda "The Female Barbarian" Stevens?

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"Okay class, I'm your instructor, Professor Tomahawk Bulldog. Take your seats before I jump off the desk and give you the thunder-quake treatment."

If you don't believe that's the way people really want to act, look at the Geraldo Rivera show. With the skinheads provoking everyone, Rivera's show became a "Battle Royale" for all the guests last year.

Or what about Ronald Reagan? Remember when he had half his head shaved and told everyone it was because of surgery?

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